THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Ministry has no such proposal under consideration at present.

(c) Question does not arise.

Assistance for National Renewal Mission

755. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are providing assistance to the extent of Rs. 10,000 crores annually as viability gap funding for the proposed National Renewal Mission to give some cities a reform driven fast track makeover;

(b) if so, the details of the cities that have been identified in Andhra Pradesh for upgradation of infrastructure, transport, development of slums, etc.; and

(c) the amount required to be allocated in 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to establish National Urban Renewal Mission in order to provide reform linked Central assistance to select cities for infrastructural development. Details of the Mission have not been finalised.

Covering of Nallahs

756. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to cover all the nallahs flowing in the residential areas of Delhi;

(b) if so, the length of nallahs to be covered, area-wise, the amount required for the purpose and time likely to be taken to complete the entire project;

(c) whether any elected representatives - MPs, MLAs and Corporators have offered their development funds to be used in this venture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has informed that the studies got conducted by Government of NCT of Delhi have recommended that the nallahs in which sludge/effluent are flowing are to be kept totally open. The Municipal Corporation has now approved a policy to carry out Environment Impact Assessment Study to make appropriate recommendations for covering the nallahs were no sewage effluent is flowing.

The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has informed that it has proposals for covering 1300 Meter of open drain in DIZ area and 5000 Meter of open drains in Chanakyapuri/S.P. Marg at an estimated cost of Rs. 80 lakhs.

(c) NDMC, MCD and Delhi Jal Board have not reported any such offer of development funds.

(d) Does not arise.

Unauthourised constructions around Talkatora Stadium

757. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large scale unauthorised constructions have come up around the Talkatora Stadium/Club/Garden in the NDMC area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such illegal occupants are getting water and electricity supplies in connivance with the NDMC officials; and

(d) if so, the details therof any by when all such illegal constructions are likely to be removed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has reported that there are some unauthorized construction mainly in the form of temporary structures on the land adjoining Talkatora Garden.

(c) NDMC has reported that it has disconnected illegal electrical connections made by the occupants from time to time. It is also reported that no water supply connection has been given by NDMC to these occupants.